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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

REF: USUN 0101

1. IN JANUARY 14 MEETING ON BOTSWANA COMPLAINT, UNSC
ADOPTED RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY BENIN, INDIA, LIBYA,
MAURITIUS, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, ROMANIA AND VENEZUELA BY
A VOTE OF 13-0-2(US, UK).

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2. EARLIER IN THE DAY UKUN HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO
ABSTAIN, TO ASK THE US TO JOIN THEM IN ABSTENTION BECAUSE
OF THE SPECIAL ROLE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE, AND TO RELEASE FRANCE, GERMANY AND CANADA TO
VOTE AS THEY SAW FIT. NEGOTIATING CONTINUED BETWEEN CO-
SPONSORS AND FRANCE, GERMANY AND CANADA UNTIL LATE IN
THE AFTERNOON. WHEN CO-SPONSORS WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY

FURTHER CHANGES TO THE FIRST THREE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS THE PROCESS ENDED. EARLIER, THE CO-SPONSORS CONFIRMED AGREEMENT, REPORTED REFTEL, TO DELETE ALL REFERENCE TO "AGGRESSION" IN RESOLUTION.

3. DURING THE SESSION, MOZAMBIQUE, FRG, SOMALIA, FRANCE, NIGERIA, GDR, CUBA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, MALI, PAKISTAN, USSR, UK, US, SYG, CANADA, MAURITIUS AND BOTSWANA SPOKE. (US STATEMENT AND RES BY SEPTTEL. DETAILS OF OTHER SPEECHES BY ADDITIONAL SEPTTEL.) IN HIS STATEMENT, BOTSWANA FONMIN MOGWE REGRETTED THAT US AND UK HAD SUBORDINATED NEEDS OF PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA TO HOPES FOR SUCCESS OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE EVENTUALLY HOPED THE ABSTENTIONS WOULD BRING ABOUT A CHANGE OF HEART OF THOSE WHO ARE OBSTRUCTING THE CONFERENCE, THUS SHOWING US-UK CAUTION TO BE WELL AND TRULY VINDICATED, AND NEGATING THE UNHAPPINESS WHICH THE ABSTENTIONS WILL CAUSE THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA.

4. AFTER THE SESSION, AMB MOGAMI OF BOTSWANA TOLD USUN AND UKUN MISOFFS THAT HE WAS SORRY THEY HAD ABSTAINED BUT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THEIR REASONS. HE ADDED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CLOSE CONTACT MAINTAINED AMONG THE THREE MISSIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK.

5. COMMENT: CHANGES IN RESOLUTION ACHIEVED DURING NEGOTIATIONS REFLECTED UNDERSTANDING BY CO-SPONSORS OF PROBLEMS FACING BRITISH IN GENEVA CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS DESIRE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BEGIN NEW YEAR
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